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State Representative Roberto Gutierrez

District 41

Roberto Gutierrez of McAllen has been the state representative for House District 41 since January 1991. He is a former secondary school teacher, counselor, and served his country as a member of the Texas National Guard for ten years, including one year as a member of the U. S. Army - 49th Armored Division mobilized during the Berlin Crisis. For his public accomplishments, many state organizations have recognized him, including the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association, Bexar County and South Texas Constables Association, The University of Texas System, and The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education.

As state representative, he has provided efficient and effective service for his constituents and the community, which have earned him recognition from The Friends of the UT-Pan American Library, Amigos de Bomberos, South Texas Community College and South Texas Vocational Technology. In 1991, The House of Representatives appointed Rep. Gutierrez to the House/Senate Select Committee on Higher Education and served as its only freshman member. In 1995 The House appointed Rep. Gutierrez as chairman of the House Committee on County Affairs' interim charge on abolishing constitutionally created county offices. As a state legislator, Rep. Gutierrez has worked to meet his responsibilities in education, in business and industry, in criminal justice, in transportation, and a new direction in health and welfare.

Rep. Gutierrez worked nine years as a commission agent for the Exxon Company. Thereafter he seized an opportunity to be the founder and current president of Discount Oils, Lubricants & Fuels, Inc. in Pharr and Rio Oils & Fuels in Brownsville and Rio Grande City. His companies are family owned businesses that market and distribute petroleum products. They have also named Rep. Gutierrez to West's Who's Who in U. S. Executives and Who's Who Worldwide.

Rep. Gutierrez is a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen, and is involved in various educational, professional and civic groups, including the McAllen Palm City Lions Club, the McAllen and Pharr Rotary Clubs, McAllen PTA, The Pharr Industrial Foundation, and the American Legion Post #101 in Pharr. He has also served as the former statewide president of the Texas Hospital Trustees, and is currently serving as a member of their executive board. He is a former vice-president and current member of the governing board of the McAllen Medical Center, a board of director member for Security State Bank, and former president of the McAllen International Springfest.

Rep. Gutierrez was born and raised in Mission, and has lived in McAllen for more than 35 years. His wife, the former Cecilia Gonzalez, has been a teacher and now serves as an education consultant with Region One in Edinburg. They have three children, Robert Gutierrez Jr., Gilda Graciela Romero, and Sara Cecilia Gonzales, and five grandchildren. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Pan American College and a Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from Pan American University, now the University of Texas at Pan American. Rep. Gutierrez currently is a charter member of the Pan American Alumni Association. The UT-Pan American College of Education also has an endowment, established by Foley's, in Rep. Gutierrez's honor.

